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BIRTH.

At Greenfield, Kowloon, on Friday, the 21st December, the wife of JOHN THOMAS MARTIN WHEATLEY, of a son.

DEATH.

On the 23rd November, at Sunset, suddenly, of heart failure, BURNARD RUTHERFORD KIRKE, formerly of Hongkong.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DES VUE ROAD, C.
LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

HONGKONG, December 24th, 1900

It is not long since we referred to the general repression of British trade and energy which has been conspicuous in our relations with China during the last ten years. It was not so much the actual loss, though in some directions Great Britain had actually gone backward, as in the proportionate decay when compared with other countries; and the fact that it was in staples, which but a few years ago we held our own by a kind of prescription. That the fault was to be attributed to mistakes on the part of our Government, irrespective of party, we pointed out, as well as the very different manner in which other countries, more especially Germany and the United States, treated their nationals. On the one hand it was a policy of holding back; the merchant was an individual to be feared and restrained, and the duty of the Consul, and more especially that elaborate organisation of the Supreme Court, was in the first instance avowedly directed to the suppression of the obnoxious trader. On the other, the representative of his government was before every other consideration to remember that he was sent to China to foster German or American interests, and that his position as a repressor of crime was not to be looked upon as antagonistic to this object. The consequence of these different interpretations of their duty is that the British Consular Official sees everything at first as a judge views the business of his court. It does not, in fact, concern him in the slightest degree, except so far as it may, or until it comes before him judicially. All the preliminaries are things

with which he has nothing to do; they are matters for the plaintiff and defendant, of which he knows nothing and cares nothing, till they come before him in his judicial capacity. That he has any executive capacity, beyond the mere carrying out of the decrees of his court, probably never enters his head, except when one or two instances of the effects on the careers of his fellows, following unpleasantly on some attempt at independent action, intrude themselves on his mind. On the other side nothing is so much dreaded by an American or German official as a complaint from a prominent national that any remissness in pushing the interests of his subjects had been exhibited. There are few British subjects in business in China who have not had cause to substantiate this very great distinction in the methods of the Governments concerned. It is always soothing to one's self-love to have companions in misery, and it is instructive to find no less an authority than Professor JOHN PERRY, F.R.S., the President of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, making in his address to the Society almost identical charges. It is unfortunately a fact that compared with the United States, or even so small a country as Switzerland, the position of England in the electrical world is hopelessly in the rear. That this is evident even to the engineers of England is shown in the disheartening fact that, when after many years knowledge of the practical failure of steam traction in the underground railways of London, it became a matter of actual necessity to exchange steam for electric motors, it is to American engineers, and American machine shops that the Directors have had to apply. Professor PERRY makes as much as he can out of the conservative instincts of British engineers, who will in their calculations make use of old and unpractical methods of ascertaining results; with the consequence that their neighbours, having adopted more ready and equally correct methods, are able to run out their requirements more closely, and introduce safe economies which throw the advantage on their side. That there is some truth in this no one who has been watching the course of mechanical development within the last few years will deny. But English engineers have never been deficient in the power of adopting the readiest means to an end, and there must be some reason why in this instance of electricity they should in these calculations have failed to keep abreast of their competitors. It was but a comparatively few years ago since the engineers of England were at the head of electric engineering, and most of the practical applications of the new force were led by British engineers or inventors; it is hardly to be expected that the nature of the men could have entirely changed within a fraction of a man's working age. Professor PERRY in his strictures on the engineer acknowledges this. Men who had commenced practical work, and who not many years ago were at the top of the tree; find themselves to-day left hopelessly in the rear. It is the hope of reward that sweetens labour, and when a man for his existence has to devote all his time to mere routine, and understands that the alternative is to starve, he finds but little leisure to go into theories, the results of which bring him neither honour nor profit. When the electric question some ten years ago began to assume importance, and British capitalists and British engineers were prepared to undertake large schemes for lighting and traction, it may be remembered that Mr. GLADSTONE's Government took the matter in hand with the object of repressing this new danger to the comfort of the citizen. The result was a bill brought into Parliament, not only throwing cold water on the whole, but imposing conditions so impracticable that for nearly eight years not a single scheme was introduced, and it was not till these conditions were altered and relaxed that any one practical scheme was undertaken. Meanwhile it is notorious that in other countries, whose Governments had more enlightened views as to their duties, electrical engineering was growing from being the nursing child of the philosopher into the sturdy child of the practical manufacturer. It was only last session of Parliament that a scheme for running an electric railway from Manchester to Liverpool was thrown out by an obstructive Parliament; and the reason will serve to explain why our merchants and our engineers are losing the leading position which a few years ago they occupied. The Engineers of the scheme announced their intention of making the trains traverse the line at the rate of 210 miles an hour. GEORGE STEVENSON's cow got in the way but it was not the "cow" but the train that got the worst of the collision; in wise House decided that to travel two hundred miles an hour was dangerous. Possibly Parliament forgot that it was itself being carried round the sun at a speed many times greater, and that the question was not one of speed at all but merely of avoiding external interruptions. The whole story is an indication of the evils of that grandmotherly rule which has settled like a blanket over the energies of the land.

To-morrow morning, Christmas Day, there will be an *Armistice* of the *Hongkong Daily Press*. There will be no news on Wednesday, Boxing Day.

H.E. the Governor informs us that he has telegraphed to London asking on behalf of the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council (as representing the community) whether the Duke and Duchess of York will visit Hongkong on their way to or from Australia. No reply has yet been received.

The sailing vessel *Benjamin Seewell*, which was ashore at Wanchai during the late typhoon, and which subsequently took in ballast for Royal Roads, has accepted a timber charter from Singapore to this port.

The Rev. J. H. France desires us to state that donations of Christmas cake, &c., for the annual Seamen's picnic may be sent to the Kowloon Institute. Seasonable gifts in other directions for seamen in harbour will also be thankfully received.

The sale of leasehold properties in Ship Street, comprising six lots, advertised in our columns to have taken place on Saturday afternoon in the auction rooms, Duddell Street, by Mr. George P. Lamont, was withdrawn, the properties not fetching the reserve price.

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., agents for the China Mutual Steam Navigation Co., inform us that they were on Saturday in receipt of the following telegram from the Agent of the Company at Shanghai:—"Referring to our telegram of December 5th, reconstruction confirmed at a meeting held yesterday."

The tie in the first competition of the Hongkong Gun Club (held on the 15th inst.) was fired off on Saturday afternoon. The competitors were H.E. Sir Henry A. Blake and Mr. J. A. Mackay, who had each scored 15 points. The tie resulted in favour of Mr. Mackay, who scored 13 to His Excellency's 9. The prizes were presented by Lady Blake after the decision of the competition.

Mr. J. D. Clark, the founder and editor of the *Shanghai Mercury*, is a passenger for Shanghai by the *Chusan* leaving at noon to-day. He is returning from a holiday trip to America and Europe, and, though he has been forty years in China, is looking forward to resuming his editorial duties. He has purchased new plant, type, and machinery, so we may anticipate an all-round improvement in our northern contemporary.

At the opening of the Hake Pier it was stated that it was proposed to erect a clock-tower on the base of the pier and a roof and shelter for passengers. In the *Gazette* of Saturday particulars and conditions are published of a competition for these additions to the pier. It will be seen that the tower is to be erected in the centre of the pier's base, and is to be at least 120 feet high. It will contain ladies' and men's waiting rooms. The roof is to extend over the first two sets of steps at each side of the pier. An attendant will live in the tower, which must be designed to take the clock of our existing tower.

At the regular meeting of Victoria Lodge No. 1028 held on Saturday evening, Wor. Bro. E. C. Ray, Deputy District Grand Master, presided and Installed Bro. F. D. Goddard as Worshipful Master. Wor. Bro. Goddard then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. H. Underwood, Senior Warden; R. C. Edwards, Junior Warden; S. H. Joseph, Treasurer; Wor. Bro. A. O'D. Gourdin, Secretary; Bro. E. H. Bay, Senior Deacon; J. J. Woolen, Junior Deacon; Wor. Bro. G. T. Lammer, Organist; Bros. W. M. Everall, Inner Guard; A. S. Tuxford, Steward; F. R. C. Surpho, Director of Ceremonies; J. B. Grimble, Tyler.

We have received from the Colonial Secretary's Office and also from the Netherlands Consulate-General notifications that the Governor-General of Netherlands-India has decreed that all ships or vessels arriving from Hongkong or having called at this port after the 22nd November, 1900, are subject in Netherlands-India to a quarantine of ten days from the date of departure from this port or since the last case of plague on board. Importation is temporarily prohibited of animal refuse, claws and hoofs, animal or human hair and bristles, hides which are untanned and which are salted or cured with arsenic, raw wool and rugs, bags or sacks which have already been used, coming from Hongkong or transhipped at this port. The importation is also temporarily prohibited from Hongkong into Netherlands-India of tapestry and into embroidery, unless they are transported as personal baggage or in consequence of change of residence.

Mr. Erich Georg says in his Weekly Share List, dated Hongkong, 22nd December:—"The market, during the week under review, has experienced a good many changes, mostly towards higher rates, especially Hongkong and Shanghai Bank shares, Luzon, Docks, Wharves, Hotels, Mills and a few smaller stocks, while China Sugars and Hongkong Lands have ruled easier." Under the head of Mining Shares he says:—"Jelaba has dropped suddenly to 34½ sellers; this is on account of news received from the South to the effect, that an Extraordinary Meeting had been called for the 15th inst. to sanction the issue of 10,000 preference shares of 55 each for the purpose of providing funds; however, some influential shareholders were going to oppose this, at any rate to try and postpone the question, until the China Shareholders' Meeting had been called for the 15th inst. It also appears as if a certain section of the Singapore share dealing community was dissatisfied with the present managers and the tardiness shown by them to give the shareholders regular and prompt information about the working and the position of the company."

The French mail of the 19th November was delivered in London on the 20th inst.

It is stated that Kiser Leopold of Belgium has obtained the addition of France to the Belgian concession at Tientsin.

A new table has been issued of rates of postage for parcels chargeable at the Post Office in the Colony on and after the 1st prox.

Mr. H. F. X. des Santos Remedios, Civil Engineer, of 31, Wyndham Street, has been elected a member of the Lisbon Geographical Society.

The appointment was gazetted last month of Sir Claude Maxwell MacDonald as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of the Emperor of Japan.

The Star launch *Evening Star* collided with a junk in the harbour on Friday night. The junk capsized, but the crew were rescued by police pinnace No. 5. The launch suffered considerable damage.

In consequence of the sailing ships *Adolph Oberg* and *Paul Revere* having arrived in harbour several days over their scheduled time, they have both lost what were considered by local shippers to be pretty valuable charters.

The Admiralty announces that the following additional promotions for services in China have been made, to date Nov. 9, 1900:—Lieutenant William B. S. Wrey, to be Com. Assistant; Assistant-Paymaster Harry G. Wilson, to be Paymaster.

The new rice crop at Bangkok will be later than was expected, for the first consignment will not be able to leave that port for Hongkong till February next. The large cargo steamer *Amara* has been chartered for five consecutive voyages at 30/35 cents per picul.

The French regiment which was stated in these columns a short time ago to have been held in readiness at Haiphong to occupy Canton in case of need, has received countermanding orders. The expense of keeping these troops on a war-footing with steamers waiting is set at 70,000 francs.

Complaints of the increase of taxation in Tonkin and Cochin-China are as loud as ever, states a correspondent to the *Strait Times*. This time, the extra taxation falls on stamps, registration fees, and mortgage dues. What renders all this the more irritating, the correspondent observes, is that every year sees the burden of the taxation grow heavier.

It is announced from New York that Colonel Thys, the Director of the Congo Railway, has succeeded in negotiating with a group of American financiers who are the holders of a concession to construct a part of the future Hankow-Canton railway, for thecession of that concession to a Belgian Company, which will undertake the construction of the whole line and of the lines depending on it.

Captain G. A. Douglas, R.N., who died at Groton Cottage, Walmot, on Nov. 20, saw much service in the course of a long and distinguished career. He was flag-lieutenant to Admiral Sir James Hope from 1859-62, and during that time was present at the attack on the *Pei-ho* forts in 1859, and their capture in 1860, took part in several assaults on fortified towns and stockades, and in 1862 engaged and drove off a mounted party of Taipings, and a large body of infantry near Shanghai. For these services he received the China medal, with the *Taku* clasp.

In the course of the debate in the Reichstag on affairs in China, Count von Bülow, in dealing with the prospective value of Kiaochow, said that he had turned up the debates of the House of Commons on the acquisition of Hongkong and had found that the British Ministry of the day was accused of having annexed a wretched rock and a harbour which not even a Chinese junk would ever frequent. To-day the shipping at Hongkong had a tonnage of something like ten or twelve millions. The case of Kiaochow may not be on all fours with Hongkong, but it was a useful argument to silence the depreciators of the German possession in China.

It is stated in naval circles at Portsmouth that the *L. & C. Express* of the 23rd ult., that Admiral Lord Walter Kerr, at present First Sea Lord of the Admiralty, is likely to succeed Vice-Admiral Sir E. H. Seymour in command of the China Station, and colour is lent to this rumour by the fact that this morning Lord Walter Kerr is to visit Portsmouth for the purpose of inspecting *Glory*, which leaves for China on Saturday. The gravity of the situation in China, and the fact that Russia and Germany have officers of superior rank to command their forces, would, it is thought, justify the British Admiralty making such an appointment in place of the selection of Vice-Admiral Sir Harry Rawson.

Leprosy having, it is said, broken out among the French soldiers at Peking and Tientsin, a sort of quasi-official enquiry has elicited the supposition that the disease had been caught from the robes, silks, and furs plundered in the houses which belonged to and had been worn by lepers. Whether that be so or not, a correspondent at Saigon writes confirming that view, and states that the costly garments and rich furs brought as spoils of war to Saigon by French soldiers returning from China readily found buyers among the Chinese at that port, but the latter took care not to wear them. Why they would not make use of these highly-prized articles remained a puzzle, adds the correspondent, until news came that leprosy had appeared among the French troops in China.

The Russian Ministry of Marine has announced that for the purpose of increasing the strength of the torpedo flotilla belonging to the Russian Pacific Squadron, twelve new torpedo-boats will be sent out next year to the Far East. These boats will be sent out in sections, which will be put together at Vladivostok, and Port Arthur, and they will not be counted among the torpedo-boats at present being built for Russia, which the Ministry of Marine has expressed its intention of sending out to the Far East under steam. A credit vote of 318,000 roubles will be made to cover the cost of building these twelve projected torpedo-boats.

A general impression exists, says a home correspondent, that Mr. Basil J. D. Guy, the gallant young midshipman of H.M.S. *Barfleur* who has just been awarded the Victoria Cross for conspicuous bravery at Tientsin, is the first naval officer of this rank to be thus honoured. This, however, is by no means the case, for at least two instances of midshipmen earning the same proud distinction are on record. The first of these is that of Mr. E. J. Daniels, who was granted the V.C. for an act of great courage performed under fire during the Crimean campaign. In 1884, a second midshipman, Mr. G. D. Boyes, of H.M.S. *Euryalus*, won a similar honour while on active service in Japan. Both of these young officers died before they rose to the rank for which their gallantry fitted them.

Taken as a whole there is little, says a naval correspondent to a contemporary, with which to find fault in the China Honours Gazette. Promotions have been given in some cases, distinctions in others, and they are very much what anyone with an intelligent knowledge of the subject and of the customs of the Navy might have foreshadowed. But why has a distinction—an invidious one—been drawn between the midshipmen who were at the front in South Africa and those who were under fire in China? The former have all been "noted for early promotion on qualifying for the rank of lieutenant," while of the latter only eight out of about sixty have been selected. As far as memory serves, the South African procedure is in accordance with what took place after the expedition to Benin, and it is impossible to avoid the conclusion that the Admiralty has perpetrated an injustice—for it is nothing else—because it was appalled at the number of midshipmen who are affected.

H. M. Battleship *Glory* on 17th ult. had a satisfactory trial of the hydraulic gear of her after barbettes alongside the dockyard. She completed her gun trials at Portsmouth on 19th ult. and anchored at Spithead, where on 20th she tried her electric search-lights. When she was going out of harbour, steam was by some misunderstanding shut off from her steering gear, and the vessel showed a tendency to drift out to the Gun-wharf. As she did not answer her helm she was steered by means of her engines, but as she had very little way on she moved down towards the *St. Vincent*, training ship, moored on the opposite side of the harbour. It was not until then that the helm signal was observed to indicate that the rudder was stationary. Both engines were put full speed astern and steam was turned on to the steering gear, after which no difficulty was experienced. The *Glory* had her commissioning trial on the 23rd ult.

The efforts being made by the Vatican to obtain from China a special indemnity for the missionaries massacred has, states a Paris correspondent, again raised the question of the protectorate over Roman Catholics in the Near and Far East. Li Hung-chang is reported to have replied to the Vatican that the murdered missionaries belonged to different nationalities, and would be included in the indemnities demanded from China by their respective Governments. This reply did not suit the Vatican, which thinks it sees in the Chinese conflict a chance of asserting its existence as a Temporal Power, and which is never disposed to regard Italian priests as subjects of the King of Italy. With the help of France it intends to press its claim. It is doubtful if Germany, who not long ago declared a German protectorate over German missionaries and Roman Catholics in the Levant and in China, will associate herself with the Franco-Vatican claims, or whether she will not rather support her ally Italy in upholding the principle of national protectorates.—*L. & C. Express*.

TELEGRAMS.
"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.
THE CRISIS IN CHINA.
London, 21st December, 8.55 p.m.

CHINESE ISSUES RISE ON CHANGE.
Chinese issues on the Stock Exchange rose from 1 to 1½ points in consequence of the agreement between the Powers.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.
London, 22nd December, 8.20 p.m.

MOUNTED TROOPS FOR THE CAPE.
The British Government is sending considerable reinforcements of mounted troops to Lord Kitchener.

GENERAL NEWS.
London, 21st December, 8.55 p.m.

MARTIAL LAW IN CAPE COLONY.
In consequence of Boer raids into Cape Colony, martial law has been proclaimed in twelve towns in the Colony.

THE FRENCH NAVY.
M. Lockroy has complained of the inadequacy of the French naval programme, saying that France possessed "a political and electoral, but not a national, fleet."

London, 22nd December, 8.20 p.m.

ZOLA AND THE DREYFUS CASE.
M. Zola, in a letter to President Loubet, says that the Amnesty Law is a shameful affair. The Dreyfus case, he adds, cannot be finally settled until France repairs the injustice done to the prisoner of the Ile du Diable.

OBITUARY.
Count von Blumenthal is dead.

REUTER'S SERVICE.
London, 20th December.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.
A portion of General Knox's forces has abandoned the pursuit of De Wet for the purpose of dealing with the new situation, created by the invasion of Cape Colony. Delarey's forces are near General Clements' camp, and fighting is believed to be imminent.

London, 21st December.

BRITAIN SOUTH AFRICA.
Owing to the Boer invasion, martial law has been proclaimed in twelve additional districts in Cape Colony.

Reuter's correspondent at Capetown states that fully 2,000 Boers have crossed the frontier, and grave feuds are entertained of the Dutch joining and the rebellion spreading. The want of drilled mounted troops is severely felt in South Africa.

There is reason to believe at Aldershot that a cavalry brigade will be ordered to South Africa, probable at the beginning of February.

The British strongly hold the strategic positions on the Orange River in the rear of the invaders.

THE UNITED STATES.
The Washington Senate has adopted the Hay-Pauncefote treaty with further amendments.

LOCAL MOVEMENTS.
The German transport *Frankfurt* arrived yesterday from Tsingtao.
The U.S. transport *Sumner* left on Saturday for Taku.

OFFICIAL SALARIES IN HONGKONG.
AN APOLOGY TO THE GOVERNOR.
In its issue of the 23rd November the *London and China Express* says:—
Our attention has been drawn to an article by our Correspondent in Hongkong which appeared in the Supplement of the *London and China Express* of August 3, 1900, under the heading "The Far East Revisited." It was there stated, with reference to an increase in the salaries of the Governor and certain higher officers of the Colony, sanctioned by the Secretary of State as from January 1st, that although these increases had necessarily to be voted by the Legislative Council, they were drawn for any amount and private nature which could not be condoned under the circumstances in which it occurred. We unreservedly accept His Excellency's assurance, and that of the Colonial Treasurer, which have been produced to us, that no increased salary was drawn by any official until such increases had been duly voted by the Legislative Council, and we express our sincere regret that the unfounded allegations in question should have been made or allowed to appear in the issue above referred to. We tender to His Excellency our apology for any annoyance caused to or aspersions cast on him by the statements of our correspondent, which he has regarded as a libel on him, necessitating recourse to legal proceedings if allowed to stand uncontradicted.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.
TAYLOR-CARRINGTON-COMPANY'S
 GRAND HOLIDAY SEASON,
 BOXING NIGHT, 1900,
 on which occasion will be produced for the first
 time in China this wonderfully successful
 Musical Extravaganza
 "TONY TOMMY ATKINS."
 Played by the T.C. Co. in full orchestra 200 times.
 Act 1, ENGLAND. Act 2, SOUTH AFRICA.
 "TONY TOMMY ATKINS"
 Introduced by Hongkong Playgoers—
 TOMMY ATKINS.
 GENERAL HORSANFUT.
 REV. MR. SMUGGERS.
 DRUMMER MCSAWEES.
 BUGLER MCSAWEES.
 PRESIDENT STEYN.
 KRUGER—OOM PAUL.
 SERGEANT MCSPOOPER.
 And
 THE FRENCH MAID.
 LADY CONSTANCE CLIVE,
 and
 THE GEISHA.
 and Vocal Selections from—
 OUR LADS IN BLUE, THE DANDY FIFTH,
 TOPSY TURVY HOTEL, MESSENGER BOY,
 and a number of the refined and only the refined
 successes of the London and New York Music
 Halls.
 THE NEW AND BEAUTIFUL SCENERY,
 Painted expressly in Australia by the cele-
 brated Artist MR. JOHN LITTLE, showing
 THE WHITE CLIFFS OF ALBION
 VIEWS IN SOUTH AFRICA.
 Admission Rates—3s, 2s and 1s.
 Military and Naval men in Uniform half-
 rates to Second and Back Seats.
 Reserve Plan at the ROBINSON PIANO Co.
 Doors Open 8.15. Overture 9 o'clock.
 Hongkong, 24th December, 1900. [3243]

MASONIC BALL.
 A MASONIC BALL will be held in the
 CITY HALL on MONDAY, the 4th
 February, 1901.
 Subscription lists will be found in the Clubs
 and leading Stores of the Colony.
 For further information apply to the under-
 signed.
 E. W. MITCHELL,
 Hon. Secretary,
 15, Queen's Road.
 Hongkong, 24th December, 1900. [3242]

**THE HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING,
 WEAVING & DYING COMPANY,
 LIMITED.**
 NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
 ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
 of the Company will be held at the
 Company's Office, No. 4, Pedder Street, Victoria,
 Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 9th
 January, 1901, at 11.30 o'clock A.M., when
 the subjoined Resolution which was passed at the
 Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company
 held on the 22nd December, 1900, will be
 submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution.

RESOLUTION.
 That the following Section be substituted for
 Section 2 of Article XVI, namely:—
 "2.—The General Managers may from time
 to time advance and lend for the purposes
 of the Company such monies as they may
 think necessary or desirable, at such rate of
 interest, and upon such terms as they may
 think fit, but so that the total amount for
 the time being so advanced and lent shall
 not at any one time exceed the sum of Two
 Millions of Dollars. All advances and
 loans which up to the date hereof have
 been made by the General Managers for
 the purposes of the Company are hereby
 agreed to and confirmed, and shall be
 deemed to be, and shall be part of and
 included in the said sum of Two Millions
 of Dollars, and as security for the said sum
 of Two Millions of Dollars and every part
 thereof the General Managers may from
 time to time mortgage or charge all or any
 or either of any parts or part of the Com-
 pany's Property, Land, Stock-in-trade,
 Machinery, Goods, Chattels and Effects."
 JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
 General Managers.
 Hongkong, 24th December, 1900. [3244]

FOR SHANGHAI.
THE Steamship
 "ELBE."
 Captain Petersen, will be despatched for the
 above port TO-MORROW, the 25th inst., at
 4 P.M., instead of as previously notified.
 For Freight, apply to
 SIEMSEN & CO.
 Hongkong, 22nd December, 1900. [3240]

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES
 MARITIMES.**
 PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.
 FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE
 AND YOKOHAMA.
THE Company's Steamship
 "MANCHE."
 will be despatched for the above ports on or
 about WEDNESDAY, the 26th inst.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
 Agent.
 Hongkong, 22nd December, 1900. [2]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
 FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP,
 LONDON, PORT SAID, COLOMBO
 AND SINGAPORE.
THE Company's Steamship
 "KANAGAWA MARU,"
 having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
 of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods
 are being landed and placed at their risk in the
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
 Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
 consignment will be sorted out mark by mark
 and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
 Goods are landed.
 Optional goods will be carried on unless in-
 structions are given to the contrary before
 Noon, TO-DAY.
 Goods not cleared by the 29th instant will be
 subject to rent.
 No Fire Insurance will be effected.
 All ship-damaged packages must be left in the
 Godowns and Notice of same sent to this Office
 before the 1st prox., or claims in connection
 therewith will not be recognized.
 NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
 Hongkong, 22nd December, 1900. [3241]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

**THE OSAKA SHOSSEN KAISHA,
 LIMITED.**
**FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND
 TAMSUI.**
THE Company's Steamship
 "TAM-SUI MARU."
 Captain K. Hasegawa, will be despatched for
 the above ports on SUNDAY, the 30th inst.,
 at DAYLIGHT.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 THE MITSUI RUSSIAN KAISHA,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 24th December, 1900. [15]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
 FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO, AND
 STRAITS.
 Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
 vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are
 being landed and placed at their risk in the
 Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
 Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
 consignment will be sorted out mark by mark,
 and delivery can be obtained as soon as the
 Goods are landed.
 This Vessel brings on Cargo—
 From London, ex s.s. *Home*, *Parrott* and
Victoria.
 From Persia Gulf, ex s.s. *Peimbo*, *Mohitari*
 and *Yuna*.
 Goods not cleared by the 30th instant, at
 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.
 No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
 any case whatever.
 All damaged packages must be left in the
 Godowns, and a certificate of the damage ob-
 tained from the Godown Company within ten
 days after the vessel's arrival here, after which
 no claims will be recognised.
 A. M. MARSHALL,
 Acting Superintendent.
 Hongkong, 23rd December, 1900. [1]

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
 IN Accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of
 1875, the undermentioned Banks will be
 CLOSED for the transaction of Public Busi-
 ness TO-DAY (MONDAY), TO-MORROW
 (TUESDAY), and WEDNESDAY, the
 24th, 25th, and 26th instant respectively.
 For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
 AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.
 T. P. COCHRANE,
 per Manager, Hongkong.
 For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
 CORPORATION.
 T. JACKSON,
 Chief Manager.
 For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
 LIMITED.
 GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
 Chief Manager.
 For the MERCHANTS BANK OF INDIA,
 LIMITED.
 JOHN THURBURN,
 Manager, Hongkong.
 For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,
 Hongkong Agency.
 L. BERINDOAGUE,
 Acting Manager.
 For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED.
 J. C. BERGENDAHL,
 Manager.
 For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.
 T. ARO HODSUMI,
 Manager.
 For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.
 E. W. RUTTER,
 Manager.
 For the DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK.
 H. SCHOTTLAENDER,
 Acting Manager.
 Hongkong, 19th December, 1900. [3203]

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
THE Undermentioned Insurance Offices
 will be CLOSED for the transaction of
 Public Business TO-DAY (MONDAY), TO-
 MORROW (TUESDAY) and WEDNES-
 DAY, the 24th, 25th and 26th instant.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
 General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE CO., LIMITED,
 and
 General Managers,
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.
 For the UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
 CANTON, LIMITED.
 W. J. SAUNDERS,
 Secretary.
 For the NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO.,
 LIMITED.
 W. H. PERCIVAL,
 Agent.
 For the CHINA TRADING INSURANCE
 CO., LIMITED.
 H. P. WADMAN,
 Acting Secretary.
 For the YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCI-
 ATION, LIMITED.
 SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
 Agents.
 For the CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.
 GEO. L. TOMLIN,
 Secretary.
 Hongkong, 20th December, 1900. [3213]

I. M. LAGO,
**ARTIST IN CRAYON, OIL AND
 WATER-COLOURS.**
DECORATOR of the Royal House of Mar-
 jesty the Queen of Spain and of the
 Royal Palace of Malacana of Manila and
 Professor of the College of Arts of Manila.
 Is prepared to give lessons in private
 residences.
 Also will take orders for Decorations in Oil
 Painting in Modern Style.
 Best artistic and high class work guaranteed.
 Private lessons given on the Guitar.
 Terms Moderate.
 No. 20, ELGIN STREET.
 Hongkong, 21st December, 1900. [3225]

FRENCH AND SPANISH LESSONS.
MARIANO GARCIA AMOROS,
**CERTIFICATED Teacher of SPANISH
 and FRENCH.**
 Terms on application.
 20, ELGIN STREET.
 Hongkong, 18th December, 1900. [3191]

BEKANNTMACHUNG.
DIE EINTRAGUNGEN in das Handels-
register, sowie anderweitige Bekannt-
machungen des Kaiserlichen Konsulats werden
im Jahre 1901 durch die Zeitungen "DER
OSTASIATISCHE LLOYD" in Shanghai und
"THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS" in Hong-
kong veröffentlicht werden.
 Swatow, 17. December 1900
 DER KAISERLICHE KONSUL
 STREICH.
 [3210]

**THE FUNJON MINING COMPANY,
 LIMITED.**
NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-
 ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
 of the above-named Company will be held at
 the Company's Office, Nos. 12 and 14, Des
 Voeux Road, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong-
 kong, THIS DAY, the 24th day of Decem-
 ber, 1900, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when
 the subjoined Resolutions which were
 passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting
 held on the 8th day of December, 1900, will be
 submitted for confirmation as Special Reso-
 lutions.
RESOLUTIONS.
 1.—That the Capital of the Company be in-
 creased by the creation and issue of 60,000
 New Ordinary Shares of \$10 each, with the
 sum of \$8 paid up on each, and that the
 Directors be empowered to issue and to
 accept surrenders of the present 60,000
 Ordinary Shares of the Company of \$8 each
 on which the sum of \$8 each has been paid
 up, and that one New Share of \$10, with
 the sum of \$8 paid up thereon, be given in
 lieu of and in exchange for each old share
 of \$8 fully paid up, and that thereupon the
 said old shares be cancelled.
 2.—That of the remaining \$2 payable in re-
 spect of each of the New Shares, the sum of
 \$1 be paid on the surrender of the old
 share, and that the residue be (if necessary)
 called up and paid at such times and in such
 instalments as the Board of Directors may
 think fit.
 By Order of the Board of Directors.
 W. H. GASKELL,
 Secretary.
 Hongkong, 24th December, 1900. [3110]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

**THE GREAT EASTERN AND CALE-
 DONIAN GOLD MINING CO., LD.,
 IN LIQUIDATION.**
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will
 be held at the Office of the Company,
 No. 14, Des Voeux Road Central, on SATUR-
 DAY, 29th of December, at 11.45 A.M., to
 receive the Final Statement of Accounts of the
 Liquidator.
 L. LAMBOTTE,
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 Hongkong, 22nd December, 1900. [3137]

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ENTERTAINMENT

ST. GEORGE'S HALL.
THE THIRD
SUBSCRIPTION CONCERT
 ARRANGED BY
 Messrs. ALEC MARSH & A. G. WARD.
 will be given on
 THURSDAY,
 27th DECEMBER, at NINE P.M.
MESSES. MARSH AND WARD will be
 assisted by Madame RADLEY, Low-
 son and Maudie Mason, E. E. Hill, G. P.
 Lambert, C. H. Grace and L. A. Grace.
 A portion of the Programme will be devoted
 to Sacred Music.
 Prices: Reserved Seats, \$3; Unreserved, \$1.
 Plan of the Hall at the ROBINSON PIANO Co.
 Hongkong, 21st December, 1900. [3229]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
 No. 670.
THE following Particulars and Condi-
 tions of Sale of CROWN LAND by
 PUBLIC AUCTION, to be held at the
 Office of the Public Works Department,
 on THURSDAY, the 27th day of Decem-
 ber, 1900, at 3 P.M., are published for general
 information.
 By Command.
 J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
 Colonial Secretary's Office,
 Hongkong, 8th December, 1900. [3215]

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

No. of Lot.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Acres.	Annual Rent in Dollars.	Upset Price.
1.	Kowloon Island.	1.114	55' 50' 86'	4,840 38	908
2.	"	1.115	56' 50' 150'	756 6	152

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 4 1/2 " " " 6 " "
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 Hongkong, 20th September, 1900. [2407]

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Hongkong, 16th August, 1900. [3221]

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AFTER THE FAMINE IN INDIA.

THE RIGHT HON. SIR RICHARD
TEMPLE, BART.
(Continued.)

During the months of May and the first
three weeks of June, the tension of famine and
famine relief and the battle with pestilence
have been fearful. The endurance of the
Government and its officers has been stretched
almost to breaking-point. Within the last
week of June the rains have descended in some
places with tropical abundance. Thus hope is
revived, but only just revived. Weeks and
weeks of rainy weather must be vouchsafed if
this famine is to be averted. Meanwhile the
anxiety, though momentarily alleviated, are
very far from being removed. The effect, how-
ever, upon the famine relief people will be im-
mediate. The labourers will quit the relief
works to plough their fields. The difference
will not be so great among the recipients of
gratuitous relief, because they are not able-
bodied. But even they will find something to
do with the renewal of agricultural activity,
and will apply less and less for State assis-
tance. Here then becomes apparent one of
the good features in the native character.
They show not the slightest tendency to
pauperisation. They do not wish to work for
the State, or to accept the State bounty a day
longer than they can possibly help. They have
left their homesteads and their fields only under
duress of the direst necessity. Their first an-
xiety is to return to them the moment that the
refreshing shower shall fall, or better still the
heavy clouds shall drop fatness. Thus, if the
climatic conditions shall continue favourable
the industry of the population will not be found
to have been affected. This is the cause of the
receptive power which the people have al-
ways shown after their disasters to the glad
astonishment of all observers.

As regards the prospects of this monsoon
there are absolutely no data for the slightest
forecast. Still, it is well known that famine
years occur in cycles, and of late there has
been such a cycle, and this famine is only the
successor of another severe one from which the
country was beginning to recover with mar-
vellous rapidity when the new evil came on.
Our hope must be that the period of famine
having lasted fully long will now terminate.

In the recovery of the country, on the sup-
position that this monsoon proves favourable,
the only special drawback is the extraordinary
loss of cattle. Such loss always occurs in every
famine to an extent more or less vast, but in
this famine it appears to have attained pro-
portions exceptionally enormous. If the mon-
soon shall be propitious, if the epidemics which
have hung as it were on the flank and rear of
the famine relief operations shall pass away—
if in consequence the countless local industries
shall revive—there are still the *sequels*, as they
are called, of the famine to be anticipated.
In some parts of the distressed area much may
depend upon the latter rains of October, and on
the autumn rains generally. But the time and
manner of their falling may greatly affect
the health of the inhabitants. They might
fall, indeed they have often fallen in such a
manner as to produce a very low, depressing
fever. Although the famine relief operations
may have sustained the strength of the people
tolerably well, yet their health cannot but have
suffered somewhat from all that has befallen
during the drought; consequently they have a
somewhat lowered physique whereby to face
any depressing ailments which may supervene
in the autumn. At the best of times the autumn
fever is the bane of life in India. In the
autumn succeeding a famine it is likely to be
worse than usual. Circumstances differ in-
finitely in the immense area affected by this
famine, and some parts may be better preserved
from the ill consequences of famine than others.
But on the whole the prevalence of wasting
sickness in many parts is to be anticipated
among the after effects of famine.

It is after the extreme crisis of famine is over
and past that the benefit of the sums generously
subscribed in England and elsewhere for the
benefit of the sufferers come into play. Though
the State expenditure has been unstinted and
immense, nevertheless the Government is
steward for the people's money, and cannot go
beyond the strict necessities of the grave and
distressful emergency. This unavoidably leaves
a broad margin for private benevolence. Gifts,
allowances, small subsidies in a hundred forms
can be dispensed in cases where the Government
officials might not think themselves justified in
affording full assistance. Above all assistance
can be given to families broken down by the
famine and to orphan children of those who
have perished, not perhaps from hunger but from
diseases incidental to the great calamity.

Lastly, the public sympathy is generally drawn
towards great calamities. The mighty sorrows, the
mortal agonies, the incalculable losses, the heart-
breaking anxieties, appeal to the imagination.
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anesthetics, electricity, Turkish Baths, and above
all uselessly employing physicians, I considered
myself incurable, especially so, when the last
physician told me that he would not accept any
more money from me, as the case was beyond
the human grasp. At this time I noticed your
advertisement in one of the morning papers. I
ordered Little's Oriental Balm with very little
hesitation, but I was surprised after using 2 to
3 bottles. I was greatly improved and the con-
tinued use of your wonderful remedy cured me,
with the help of God, of Rheumatism.
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such misfortune. But she will. She has done
so often before when the misfortune have been
as great or greater, and when the surrounding
circumstances have been far less favourable.
She has recovered from some famines when
there was no government in all civil relations,
when war was raging, and when revolutions
were in progress. From some famines she has
recovered amidst what may be called general
anarchy. From some famines she has recovered
when the State had not the means of affording
relief, and when the methods of doing so were
not understood. In these times, however, she
recovers from famine under favourable circum-
stances, when the means of communication are
perfect, when grain is conveyed from the super-
abundance of the prosperous districts almost to
the doors of the drought-stricken regions, when
civil government has reached a high standard
of efficiency, when the whole resources of the
most highly organised government in the world
are applied to the mitigation of distress, and
when the administration of famine relief has been
reduced to a science. Famines, like other great
national emergencies, are to be accepted as the
judgments of Providence. However great the
affliction caused thereby there will be compensa-
tions. Though the expenditure of State funds
will be enormous, yet the country is held to-
gether. The population is saved in the main.
The resources of the State are not materially
impaired. The moral effect upon the popular
mind is abiding. The natives see their fore-
ign and alien Government put forth efforts
to save their lives—efforts which no indigenous
government throughout all the ages in India
had ever dreamt of, efforts not actually paral-
leled as yet among any area of the western
nations. Among the European officers set over
them they have seen zeal and humanity equalled
only by that practical capacity in which Anglo-
Indian administration has never failed.

A JAPANESE VIEW OF THE
CRISIS.

Baron Hayashi, the new Japanese Minister
to the Court of St. James's, and formerly Min-
ister at Peking, has been interviewed on the situ-
ation in China. Concerning the Empress Dow-
ager, he says she is a great woman, and not
wholly a bad one. Her point of view is that of
an absolute ruler in the time of the Pharaohs.
If a Minister displeases her, off goes his head,
even though it be grey with age in her service.
To the Western mind she is pitiless and malici-
ous. Still, the Empress Dowager is profoundly
patriotic. She loves her country, she is devoted
to the Imperial house, and, according to her
lights, she is grateful. General Gordon received
from her the highest honour that the ruler of
China can bestow, and he could have had vast
wealth besides had he been willing to accept it.
Years after, when she heard that the mighty
Protector of the Throne was shut up in Khar-
toun, she wished to send an army to his rescue.
The memory of the good office of the days of
1858 was fresh in her mind a quarter of a cen-
tury afterward. As to the cause of the Chinese
troubles, Baron Hayashi has a definite opinion.
It is due, he believes, to a misapprehension of
Chinese ideas on the part of the missionaries.
Zeal, he says, is almost the entire outfit of mis-
sonaries, and zeal without tact profits nothing;
rather it produces trouble. If the missionaries
had let what they misapprehend "ancestor worship"
alone, the Chinese would not have molested them,
neither would the Emperor nor the Empress
Dowager have troubled them. Rather they
would have enjoyed Imperial protection, had
there been occasion. Had all missionaries un-
derstood, says Baron Hayashi, that there is no
necessary incompatibility between Christianity,
and the reverence of the memory of one's ances-
tors, the troubles in China would not have
begun. Once they began they spread, and
hundreds of missionaries, who were lacking in
tact became leaders of all missionaries, and
their hatred of all foreigners. Baron Hayashi
calls attention to another misapprehension with
regard to the Chinese troubles. Newspapers
in Europe and America have had much to say
of Chinese dislike to the Manchus. Popular
animosity against the Manchus does not exist,
says the Baron. Prince Tuan with his "Boxers"
(who are Chinese, not Manchus) now guard the
Imperial personages. He is far beyond reach
of foreign troops, and it is difficult for Baron
Hayashi to see how the Prince can be persuaded
to return to Peking unless he has a guarantee
of safety. If the diplomatic body send for him to
come back and be beheaded, he will naturally
refuse to do so. Even if they say they will only
imprison him for life he will still discover diplo-
matic difficulties in the way. Prince Tuan
believes that when the representatives of the
various foreign Powers are tired of trying to
agree as to how to manage Chinese affairs, they
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LONDON, &c., via Ports of Call	BRIPPEUS	Brit. str.	—	Brown	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 24th Jan.
LONDON, &c., via Ports of Call	DARDANUS	Brit. str.	—	Day	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 22nd Jan.
BRIMEN, via Ports of Call	PRINZ HEINRICH	Ger. str.	—	Steeves	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 14th Jan.
MARSEILLES, &c., via Ports of Call	OCEANIAN	Fr. str.	—	R. Heintze	MELCHERS & CO.	On 1st Jan. at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, v. SPORE, &c.	SHINANO MARU	Jap. str.	—	Schmitz	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 31st inst. at 1 p.m.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, v. SPORE, &c.	KAMAEURA MARU	Jap. str.	—	G. E. P. Cook	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 28th inst. at Daylight.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	ARAGONIA	Ger. str.	—	H. Petersen	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 2nd Jan. at Daylight.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	WITTENBERG	Ger. str.	—	Forst	CARLOWITZ & CO.	To-day.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	—	Hempel	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 30th inst.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	SILESIA	Ger. str.	—	Schmidt	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 12th Jan.
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NEW YORK via Ports and Suez Canal	Hudson	Aus. str.	—	Braun	CARLOWITZ & CO.	On or about 5th Feb.
NEW YORK via Suez Canal	DEVONSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	F. Mosca	SANDEE, WIELER & CO.	On 27th inst. p.m.
NEW YORK	R. MORROW	Brit. str.	—	Dodwell & Co. Limited	Quick despatch.	On or about 6th Jan.
VANCOUVER, via SHANGHAI, &c.	EMPEROR OF CHINA	Brit. str.	—	Douglas	ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO.	Quick despatch.
VICTORIA, B.C., & Tacoma via SHANGHAI, &c.	VICTORIA	Brit. str.	—	R. Archibald, R.N.R.	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 16th Jan.
VICTORIA & VANCOUVER, B.C., v. INLAND SEA, &c.	TARTAR	Brit. str.	—	J. Panton	DODWELL & CO. LIMITED	On 26th inst.
PORTLAND, OREGON, &c., via JAPAN, &c.	ADATO	Brit. str.	—	G. D. Bowles, R.N.R.	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On or about 31st inst.
PORTLAND (OREGON) U.S.A.	SKARPSNO	Nor. str.	—	G. D. Bowles, R.N.R.	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On or about 30th inst.
FOR SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, &c.	NIPPON MARU	Jap. str.	—	Tollson	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On or about 10th Jan.
SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, &c.	CHINA	Amr. str.	—	—	PACIFIC M. & S. S. CO.	On 12th Jan. at Noon.
SAN FRANCISCO via AMOY, &c.	DORIC	Brit. str.	—	—	O. & S. S. CO.	On 25th inst. at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	BERGENHUS	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 30th inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	KUSETA MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 30th inst. at 4 p.m.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	AUSRAHAN	Brit. str.	—	—	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 3rd Jan. at 4 p.m.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	TATYAN	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 6th Jan.
SHANGHAI	MARIE VALERIE	Aus. str.	—	—	SANDEE, WIELER & CO.	To-day, p.m.
SHANGHAI	CHUSAN	Ger. str.	—	—	F. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day, at Noon.
SHANGHAI & JAPAN	JAVA	Brit. str.	—	—	SHENSSON & CO.	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	MANCHE	Fr. str.	—	—	F. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 25th inst.
SHANGHAI	PENINSULAR	Brit. str.	—	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On or about 26th inst.
CHOOCHOW via SWATOW & AMOY	AKASHI MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	F. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 3th Jan.
SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWAN	ANPING MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 2nd Jan.
SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWAN	TAMUJI MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 26th inst. at Daylight.
AMOY, SAMABANG & SOUBAYAN	KWEIYANG	Brit. str.	—	—	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 30th inst. at Daylight.
QUANG TCHAU WAN, HOIHOW, &c.	ESMERALDA	Fr. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 26th inst.
MANILA via AMOY	YENSAKI	Brit. str.	—	—	SHENSSON & CO.	On 26th inst. at 10 a.m.
MANILA	ROSETTA MARU	Brit. str.	—	—	SANDEE, WIELER & CO.	To-day, at 5 p.m.
MANILA	TAIYUAN	Brit. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 27th inst. at 4 p.m.
MANILA	—	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th inst. at 4 p.m.
MANILA	—	Brit. str.	—	—	—	On 6th Jan.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Dec. 21, LOKSANG, British str., 979, Leask, Bangkok 13th December, Rice.—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	Dec. 21, KANAGAWA MARU, Japanese steamer, 3,823, John McKenzie, London and Singapore 15th December, General.—NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.	Dec. 21, CHUNSHANG, British str., 1,419, L. A. Muir, Java 19th Dec., Sugar.—JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	Dec. 22, SARPENBON, British steamer, 2,828, Aquith, Liverpool 7th November and Singapore 14th December, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.	Dec. 22, ESMERALDA, British str., 966, Bland, Manila 19th December, General.—SHEWAN TOMES & CO.	Dec. 22, HUE, French str., 704, Godinan, Haiphong and Hoihow 21st December, General.—A. R. MARTY.	Dec. 22, SHANTUNG, German steamer, 1,007, Rabblund, Chetoo 16th December, General.—SANDER, WIELER & CO.	Dec. 22, CHINKING, British steamer, 1,241, Vaughan, Canton 22nd Dec., General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.	Dec. 22, DEVAWONGSE, German str., 1,057, H. Tector, Singapore and Bangkok 14th Dec., Rice and Timber.—BUTTERFIELD AND SWIRE.	Dec. 22, ELISA, German str., 2,740, Schonwandt, Moji 17th Dec., Coal.—JESSEN & CO.	Dec. 22, YERONA, German steamer, Hampson, Amoy 20th Dec., General.—CARLOWITZ & CO.	Dec. 23, ANPING MARU, Japanese str., 1,053, Atsuni, Tamsui, Amoy and Swatow 22nd Dec., General.—M. B. KASPER.	Dec. 23, ARAGONIA, German str., 3,300, Forst, Shanghai 19th Dec., General.—SHEWAN TOMES & CO.	Dec. 23, ARIAKE MARU, Jap. str., 2,193, T. Tassaka, Moji 17th Dec., Coal.—M. B. KASPER.	Dec. 23, CALCHAS, British str., 4,278, T. Bartlett, Shanghai 20th December, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.	Dec. 23, CHUSAN, British str., 2,852, C. L. Daniel, Bombay 5th Dec. and Singapore 17th, Malacca General.—F. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 23, FORMOSA, British str., A. E. Hodgins, Tamsui 21st Dec. and Amoy 22nd, General.—DOUGLAS LARRAIK & CO.	Dec. 23, FREIBURG, German str., 3,884, F. Prosch, Singapore 16th Dec., General.—SHEWAN TOMES & CO.	Dec. 23, GISELA, Austrian str., 2,849, F. Mosca, Kobe 18th Dec., General.—SANDER, WIELER & CO.	Dec. 23, JACOB DIEDERICHSEN, Ger. str., 623, A. Rieke, Haiphong and Hoihow 22nd Dec., General.—JESSEN & CO.	Dec. 23, MARIA VALERIE, Austrian str., 2,648, F. Berthold, Trieste 6th Nov. and Singapore 14th Dec., General.—SANDER, WIELER & CO.	Dec. 23, TAIHUN, Amr. str., 1,216, Patterson, Shanghai 16th Dec., General.—CHINESE.	Dec. 23, YOUNG, British steamer, 1,105, M. Downson, Shanghai 18th Dec., General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.	Dec. 23, FRANKFURT, German trsp., 7,500, E. Malchow, Tsingtau 19th December.
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CLEARANCES.

At THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, 22ND DECEMBER.	Carlisle City, British str., for Moji.	Hailong, British str., for Haiphong.	Thule, British str., for Swatow.	Chinkang, British str., for Singapore.	Loonyang, British str., for Manila.	Maria Johana, German str., for Saigon.	Arratoon Apar, British str., for Singapore.	Rambin, German str., for Yokohama.	Kinsu Maru, Japanese str., for Shanghai.	Loonyang, German str., for Shanghai.	Charles Rogier, Belgian str., for Vladivostok.	Sabine Rickmers, British str., for Shanghai.	Taijin Maru, Japanese str., for Swatow.	Verona, German str., for Singapore.
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DEPARTURES.

Dec. 22, CLYDE, British str., for Europe.	Dec. 22, SUMMER, American transport, for Taku.	Dec. 22, THALES, British str., for Pakhoi.	Dec. 22, SHANTUNG, British str., for Surabaya.	Dec. 22, CARLEME CITY, British str., for San Francisco.	Dec. 22, HAILONG, British str., for Haiphong.	Dec. 22, TRIESTE, British str., for Swatow.	Dec. 22, KUTSANG, British str., for Singapore.	Dec. 22, ARRATOON APCAR, British str., for Calcutta.	Dec. 22, KINSHU MARU, Japanese str., for Shanghai.	Dec. 22, LOONGMOON, Ger. str., for Shanghai.	Dec. 22, CHINKANG, British str., for Shanghai.	Dec. 22, LOONGMOON, British str., for Manila.	Dec. 22, SABINE RICKMERS, British str., for Shanghai.
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SHIPPING REPORTS.

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The Japanese steamer *Ariake Maru*, from Moji 19th Dec., had moderate N.E. monsoon with following sea.
The German steamer *Aragonia*, from Shanghai 19th Dec., had strong northerly wind and cloudy weather.
The British steamer *Emeralda*, from Manila 19th Dec., had moderate monsoon and sea with fine and clear weather.
The British steamer *Calchas*, from Shanghai 20th Dec., had fresh northerly wind and fine, clear weather from port to port.
The British steamer *Loksang*, from Bangkok 19th Dec., had strong monsoon and high head sea throughout the voyage.
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STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
ARAGONIA Capt. Forst.	HAYRE AND HAMBURG VIA COLOMBO (London with transshipment in Hamburg)	Noon, 24th December. Freight.
WITTENBERG Capt. Hempel	HAYRE & HAMBURG (London with transshipment in Hamburg)	About 30th December. Freight.
SAMBIA Capt. Schmidt	HAYRE & HAMBURG (London with transshipment in Hamburg)	About 12th January, 1901. Freight.
SILESIA Capt. Müller	HAYRE & HAMBURG (London with transshipment in Hamburg)	About 22nd January, 1901. Freight and Passage.
SIBERIA Capt. Braun	HAYRE & HAMBURG (London with transshipment in Hamburg)	About 5th February, 1901. Freight and Passage.

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VICTORIA	3,502	J. Panton	December 28
QUEEN ADELAIDE	2,832	F. McNaie	January 4
GOODWIN	4,421	A. Jackson	January 13
OLYMPIA	2,837	J. Truebridge	February 1

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES OF THE UNITED STATES and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON, £52.
Excellent accommodation. First class Table. Doctor and STEWARDESSE carried.
Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the First-Class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.
HONGKONG TO NEW YORK, £48.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent; two trans-continental trains daily from Tacoma; Dining Car is attached to trans-continental train; day and night; Tacoma to New York in 4 days. Magnificent Scenery of the Rocky and Cascade Mountains. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route.

HONGKONG TO VICTORIA AND TACOMA, £23.
The best route to the KLOPPYKE GOLD FIELDS. Frequent sailings from VICTORIA and TACOMA to DYRA and ST. MICHAEL.
Rates of Passage to other Ports on application.
A Special rate allowed to members of Government Service.
For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1900.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI, SHANGHAI AND JAPAN, LONDON, &c.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL ON	REMARKS.
SHANGHAI	CHUSAN	(Noon, 24th Dec.)	Freight or Passage.
SHANGHAI AND JAPAN	JAVA	(About 25th Dec.)	Freight or Passage.
PAN	G. W. Gordon, R.N.R.	Dec.	See Special Advertisement.
LONDON, &c.	BENGAL	(Noon, 5th Jan. 1901.)	See Special Advertisement.
SHANGHAI	PENINSULAR	(About 5th Jan. 1901.)	Freight or Passage.

PASSENGER SEASON, 1901.
s.s. PLASSY ... 7,240 tons ... March 30th ... MARSEILLES AND LONDON DIRECT
s.s. SOBRON ... 7,332 tons ... April 27th ... Without Transshipment.

For Further Particulars, apply to A. M. MARSHALL, Acting Superintendent.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1900.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG.
PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS;
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE. N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	SAILING DATES.
PRINZ HEINRICH	TUESDAY 1st January, 1901.
PRINZESS IRENE	WEDNESDAY 8th January, 1901.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY 23rd January, 1901.
HAMBURG (Hamburg-Amerika Linie)	WEDNESDAY 6th February, 1901.
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY 20th February, 1901.
KIAUSCHOU (Hamburg-Amerika Linie)	WEDNESDAY 6th March, 1901.
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY 20th March, 1901.
STUTTGART	WEDNESDAY 3rd April, 1901.
KONIG ALBERT	WEDNESDAY 17th April, 1901.
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY 1st May, 1901.
PRINZESS IRENE	WEDNESDAY 15th May, 1901.

ON TUESDAY, the 1st day of January, 1901, at Noon, the Steamship "PRINZ HEINRICH," of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain R. Heintze, with MAILES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES AND GENOA. Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on MONDAY, the 31st December, Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 p.m. on MONDAY, the 31st December, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon, on MONDAY, the 31st December. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.
The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.
Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1900.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN, AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.
CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C.

SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.
Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse-Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).
EMPEROR OF CHINA. Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 16th Jan. 1901
EMPEROR OF INDIA. Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 13th Feb. 1901
EMPEROR OF JAPAN. Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 13th Mar. 1901

THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA to VANCOUVER in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.
Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 months.
SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.
The attractive features of this Company's route enhance its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS (second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.
THE DINING CARS and MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.
For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder's Street.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1900.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA (THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY).

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
SHINANO MARU G. E. P. Cook	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO & PORT SAID	FRIDAY, 23rd Dec. at DAYLIGHT.
ROSETTA MARU	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNVILLE and BRISBANE	FRIDAY, 28th Dec. at 4 p.m.
KAMAEURA MARU H. Petersen	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO & PORT SAID	WEDNESDAY, 2nd Jan. at DAYLIGHT.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada, and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at Prince's Building, First Floor, Chater Road.
A. S. MIHARA, Manager.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1900.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, LONDON, LONDON, LIVERPOOL (Taking Cargo at London Rates).

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAINS	TO SAIL
LONDON	CALCHAS	Bartlett	25th December, 1900.
LONDON	ACHILLES	Brown	8th January, 1901.
LONDON	BRIPPEUS	Day	22nd January, 1901.
LIVERPOOL	DARDANUS	Steeves	12th January, 1901.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents O. S. S. Co.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1900.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

THE OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship "ANPING MARU," Captain S. Atami, will be despatched for the above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 28th December, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, Agents, Hongkong, 12th December, 1900. [1443]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY, SAMARANG AND SOERABAYA.

THE Company's Steamship "KWEIYANG," Captain Underbridge, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 28th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 21st December, 1900. [3228]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KARACHI, ADEN, SUZ, PORT SAID, FUEME AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to the BRAZIL, SOUTH AFRICA, CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, MALTA, VENICE, and ADRIATIC PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship

"GISELA."

Captain F. Mosca, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 27th inst., at 4 P.M.

Silk and Valuables are transhipped on arrival at Bombay into an accelerated liner.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SANDER, WIELER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1900. [6]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"YUENSANG."

Captain Rolfe, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 27th inst., at 4 P.M.

This steamer has superior accommodation for First Class Passengers, is fitted throughout with Electric Light, and carries a Doctor.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1900. [3238]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship

"ROSETTA MARU."

(341 tons gross) will be despatched for the above port on FRIDAY, the 22nd inst., at 4 P.M.

This Mail steamer is provided with superior accommodation and with all modern fittings and improvements for the safety and comfort of Passengers. Doctor and Stewards are carried.

Return tickets issued by this Company are available for return by steamers of the other Lines.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1900. [3219]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Company's Steamship

"BENGAL."

Captain S. Borchers, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for Bombay on SATURDAY, the 5th January, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay with transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further particulars, apply to

A. M. MARSHALL, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1900. [1]

SHEWAN TOMES & CO'S NEW YORK LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"DEVONSHIRE"

will be despatched for the above port on or about the 5th January, 1901.

For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1900. [3268]

FOR PORTLAND (ORE.) U.S.A.

Booking Cargo for SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. and OVERLAND COMMON PORTS of the UNITED STATES by Connecting Railroads.

THE Norwegian First Class Steamer

"SKARPSNO."

Captain Tollefsen, will be despatched on or about the 10th January, 1901.

This steamer will be followed about the end of January by

The A.I. Steamship "MONMOUTHSHIRE," Capt. Kennedy,

and in February by

The A.I. Steamship "INDRAVELL," Capt. Kennedy,

For Freight or Passage, apply to

T. M. STEVENS & CO., 4, Duddell Street, Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1900. [3220]

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

U.S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

CHINA (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu).....

FRIDAY, Dec. 28, at Noon.

CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu).....

TUESDAY, Jan. 22, 1901, at Noon.

CITY OF Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu).....

THURSDAY, Feb. 14, 1901, at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship "CHINA" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, AND HONOLULU ON FRIDAY, the 28th December, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of \$4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1900. [3]

OREGON AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG TO PORTLAND (OR.) VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

TAKING CARGO TO JAPAN PORTS, THE UNITED STATES, AND CANADA.

THE Steamship

"ADATO."

2145. Captain J. McIntyre, will be despatched on or about 30th Dec., for PORTLAND (OR.) VIA MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States and Canada.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be accepted at the Office of the Undersigned until the same time. All Parcels should be marked to address in full.

Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo destined to points beyond Portland (Or.), should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, Portland (Or.).

For further information as to Freight rates, &c., apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1900. [2965]

THE OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA, LIMITED.

FOR FOCHOV VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"AKASHI MARU."

Captain K. Suzuki, will be despatched for the above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd January, 1901.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

THE MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA, Agents.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1900. [2524]

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS OF LADING for all the principal ports in SOUTH AFRICA, in connection with INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s fortnightly service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from CALCUTTA for Cape Ports every fortnight.

For Freight and further particulars, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents for China and Japan.

Hongkong, 4th August, 1897. [3220]

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHESON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN PORTS AND HONOLULU.

THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, &c.

S.S. "BERGENHUS".....On 30th Dec.

The Steamship "BERGENHUS" will be despatched for SAN DIEGO and SAN FRANCISCO VIA MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on SUNDAY, the 30th December.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Diego, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1900. [14]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSSEILLE, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS.

LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, ALSO PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON MONDAY, the 31st December, 1900, at 1 P.M., the Company's Steamship "OCEANIC," Captain Schmitz, with Mails, Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this port for MARSSEILLE via COLOMBO with the s.s. Ville de la Chate, which vessel takes on her Passengers and Mails, leaving that port on the 12th January, 1901, direct to Suez, Port Said and Marseilles.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon. Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M. Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M. on the 30th December. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply to the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1900. [2]

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.

THE Company's Steamship

"TARTAR."

Captain G. D. BOWLES, R.N.E., will leave Hongkong on or about MONDAY, the 31st December, 1900.

For VICTORIA AND VANCOUVER B.C. (via INLAND SEA, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA).

Making close connection at Vancouver with the Canadian Pacific Railway for all points in Eastern Canada, the United States and Europe.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1900. [3108]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAIYUAN."

Captain Nelson, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 6th January.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried, and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1900. [3183]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

THE Company's Steamship

"TAIYUAN."

Captain Nelson, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 6th January.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engines.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried, and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return by the Steamers of the EASTERN and AUSTRALIAN S.S. Co. and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1900. [3184]

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 33 L II British Bark

"R. MORROW."

Captain Douglas, having arrived, is now loading here for the above port and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1900. [288]

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

JOCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS AND ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Doric (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu).....

SATURDAY, Jan. 5, 1901, at Noon.

Coptic (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu).....

TUESDAY, Jan. 29, 1901, at Noon.

GABRIEL (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu).....

SATURDAY, Feb. 23, 1901, at Noon.

The Company's Steamship "DORIC" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, AND HONOLULU ON SATURDAY, the 5th January, 1901, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passenger Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various Routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full, and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1900. [14]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu).....

SATURDAY, Jan. 12, 1901, at Noon.

AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu).....

THURSDAY, Feb. 7, 1901, at Noon.

HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama, and Honolulu).....

SATURDAY, Mar. 2, 1901, at Noon.

The Twin-Screw Steamship

"NIPPON MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, AND HONOLULU ON SATURDAY, the 12th January, 1901, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of \$4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

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Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1900. [5]

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

FOR NEW YORK VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

With Liberty to Call at MANILA.

THE Steamship

"HUDSON"

will be despatched for the above port about the end of December, and will be followed by the Steamship "POLAR ST. JERNEN" about the middle of January, 1901.

For Freight, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LD., Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1900. [3045]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at Port Darwin and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through Cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.—The Post Office will be closed to-day, the 24th inst., Tuesday (Xmas Day), and Wednesday, the 25th inst., until Noon.
Correspondence for the Peak and Kowloon may be posted up to 9 a.m. The Night Box will be kept open.
For the purpose of delivering Xmas parcels, coming by the a.s. *Chusan*, the Registration Branch will be kept open on Monday, the 24th inst., until Noon.
The Money Order Office will be entirely closed on those days.
The Dore, with the American Mail of the 28th ult., left Yokohama on Wednesday, the 19th inst. at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 27th inst.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

FOR	PER	DAY AND HOUR.
Shanghai	<i>Chusan</i>	Monday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Haiphong	<i>Amigo</i>	Monday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Bangkok	<i>Lokang</i>	Tuesday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	<i>Else</i>	Tuesday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Manila	<i>Heungshan</i>	Tuesday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Canton	<i>Fowin</i>	Tuesday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Kumohuk and Samahni	<i>Saikong</i>	Tuesday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Singapore	<i>Deema</i>	Tuesday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Taiwan	<i>Anging Maru</i>	Tuesday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Manila	<i>Catchas</i>	Tuesday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Canton	<i>Heungshan</i>	Wednesday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Quang Thow Wan, Hoihow, Pakhoi, and Haiphong	<i>Fukshan</i>	Wednesday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Amoy and Manila	<i>Hue</i>	Wednesday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU AND SAN FRANCISCO	<i>Yueyang</i>	Thursday, 27th, 3.00 P.M.
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the Mail. Extra Postage 10 cents)		
Kobe, Yokohama, San Diego and San Francisco	<i>China</i>	Thursday, 27th, 3.00 P.M.
		Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.
EUROPE, &c., India via Tutuorin	<i>Bergenhuis</i>	Friday, 28th, 11.00 A.M.
(Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents)		Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.
EUROPE, &c., India via Tutuorin	<i>Oceanien</i>	Saturday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
(Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents)		Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.
EUROPE, &c., India via Tutuorin	<i>Prins Heinrich</i>	Sunday, 30th, 11.00 A.M.
(Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents)		Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.
EUROPE, &c., India via Tutuorin	<i>Bongal</i>	Monday, 31st, 11.00 A.M.
(Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents)		Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.
Manila, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne	<i>Taiwan</i>	Tuesday, 1 Jan., 11.00 A.M.
(A Supplementary mail will be closed on Sunday, 6th January, at 9 a.m.)		
EUROPE, &c., India via Tutuorin	<i>Princess Irene</i>	Wednesday, 9 Jan., 11.00 A.M.
(Late Letters 11.10 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents)		Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, VICTORIA AND VANCOUVER, B.C.	<i>Empress of China</i>	Thursday, 10 Jan., 11.00 A.M.
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents)		Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.

TO-DAY.

Meeting of the Panjion Mining Co., 3 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

SATURDAY, 22nd December.	
On LONDON—	
Telegraphic Transfer	2/0 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	2/0 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	2/1
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	2/1 1/2
Credits, at 4 months sight	2/1 1/2
Documentary Bills, 4 months sight	2/1 1/2
On PARIS—	
Bank Bills, on demand	260 1/2
Credits, at 4 months sight	260 1/2
On GERMANY—	
On demand	212
On NEW YORK—	
Bank Bills, on demand	50 1/2
Credits, 60 days sight	51 1/2
On BOMBAY—	
Telegraphic Transfer	154 1/2
Bank, on demand	154 1/2
On CALCUTTA—	
Telegraphic Transfer	154 1/2
Bank, on demand	154 1/2
On SHANGHAI—	
Bank, at sight	71 1/2
Private, 30 days sight	72 1/2
On YOKOHAMA—	
On demand	2 p. dis.
On MANILA—	
On demand	1 p. dis.
On SINGAPORE—	
On demand	3 p. pm.
On BATAVIA—	
On demand	124 1/2
On HATPHONG—	
On demand	2 p. pm.
On SAIGON—	
On demand	1 p. pm.
On BANGKOK—	
On demand	60
GOVERNMENT Bank's Buying Rate	95 1/2
SILVER LEAF, 100 fine, per ton	49 7/8
MAR SILVER, per oz	29 1/2

OPIUM.	
Malwa New	\$860 to \$880 per picul.
Malwa Old	\$820 to \$830
Malwa Other	\$810 to
2 P'per wrapped	\$850 to
Persian Unquality	\$870 to \$890
Persian extra fine	to
Patna New	\$87 1/2 to
Patna Old	to
Benares New	\$87 1/2 to
Benares Old	to

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
The Indo-China steamer *Chelidra*, from Calcutta and Straits, left Singapore for this port on Tuesday, 18th inst., at 5 p.m.
THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The O. & O. steamer *Doric*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 26th ult., via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and left for this port on the 20th inst., via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai.
THE GERMAN MAIL.
The Imperial German Mail steamer *Preussen*, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin of the 26th inst., left Colombo on Saturday, the 15th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 26th inst.
THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The C. P. R. steamer *Empress of China* arrived at Kobe at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, the 20th inst., and left again at midnight same day for Shanghai, where she was due to arrive at 2 a.m. to-day, the 24th inst.
MERCHANT STEAMERS.
The P. & O. steamer *Jura* left Singapore for this port on the 17th inst. at 1 p.m.
The C. & O. steamer *Bergenhuis* left Moji on the 16th inst. for Hongkong, and is due here on the 24th inst.

The E. & A. steamer *Guthrie*, from Sydney, etc., left Port Darwin on the 21st inst. for this port.
The N. Y. K. steamer *Rosetta Maru* (Australia Line) left Nagasaki for this port on the 21st inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 25th inst.
The N. Y. K. steamer *Shinano Maru* (European Line) left Shimonsaki for this port on the 22nd inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 26th inst.
The M. M. steamer *Manche* left Saigon on the 22nd inst., at 4 o'clock for this port.
The N. Y. K. steamer *Kagoshima Maru* (Bomby Line) left Bombay via ports for this port on the 18th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 29th inst.

STRAIMERS PASSED THE CANAL.
OUTWARD.—6th Nov.—*Folmina*, *Narishire*, *Riverdale*. 9th Nov.—*Ision*. 13th Nov.—*Malacca*, *Chio*, *Odessa*. 16th Nov.—*Yushun*. 20th Nov.—*Melbourne*, *Ashton*. 27th Nov.—*Java*, *Salanie*. 30th Nov.—*Acara*, *Anapa*, *Indus*, *Prometheus*, *Mennon*, *Patric*, *Rokely*. 4th Dec.—*Preussen*, *Sado*, *Maga*, *Banca*, *St. Ors*. 7th Dec.—*Surdina*, *Zoir*, *Bombay*. 11th Dec.—*Kongberg*, *Arden*, *Grius*, *Benelund*, *Charterhouse*, *Albion*, *Rodley*. 14th Dec.—*Andalusia*. 18th Dec.—*Calade*, *Nieon*, *Hamburg*, *Shanghai*, *Den of Ogl*, *Nipin*, *Noegord*, *Pohman*. 21st Dec.—*Kawachi*, *Maru*, *Hammer*, *Holistic*, *Adriatic*, *Aleion*, *Tamotave*.
HOMeward.—20th Nov.—*Candia*. 23rd Nov.—*Astoria*, *Malta*. 27th Nov.—*Bennor*. 18th Dec.—*Hakata Maru*, *Morionchire*. 21st Dec.—*Agamemnon*, *Stuttgart*.

ARRIVALS AT HOME.—21st Dec.—*Idomeneus*, *Adria*, *Boyer*, *Sarria*, *Maria de Larrinaga*, *Yankin*, *Aachen*.
PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.
Per *Esmeralda*, from Manila, Messrs. Collins, Howell, Olarette, Blorczaki, Captain Cobban, Ong Chai Sang.
Per *Formosa*, from Tamsui, &c., Mr. H. P. White.
Per *Gisela*, from Kobe, Mr. W. Pucher, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Ohly, child and infant.
Per *Kanagawa Maru*, from Singapore, Mr. Nobbs, Mr. Clark, Miss Alger.
Per *Maria Valeris*, from Trieste, Messrs. Imhof and Housell.
Per *Chusan*, for Hongkong, from London, Messrs. L. N. Bales, B. Mann, Spurr, Carr, R. J. Mackenzie, E. O'Sullivan, and Miss Howard Murphy; from Marcellas, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Monro; from Aden, Mr. W. G. Worcester; from Penang, Mr. G. G. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Outram; for Shanghai, from London, Messrs. R. D. Craig, W. Forde, G. Bolt, J. Hall, H. Oliver, Geo. Bailey, W. Miller, S. Rogers, T. B. Oliver, D. Maitland, A. Hoettler, and Burnside; from Marcellas, Messrs. H. P. Bell and H. R. Kinnear; Dr. and Mrs. Duncan Main, Messrs. R. H. Percival, L. and E. Huttenbach; from Brindisi, Capt. Gaspari; from Tamsui, Mr. A. H. Carroll; from Penang, Capt. Cunningham; from Singapore, Mr. Levy, Sgt. and Mrs. Dall and infant, Messrs. E. Dalich and J. S. Remedios.
DEPARTED.
Per *Kinshin Maru*, for Shanghai, Mr. J. Yoshida, Miss U. Mori and Mr. C. B. Morton.
ON SALE.
"MOUNTINGS OF THE NAVAL GUNS and their Subsequent Use with the LADYSMITH RELIEF COLUMN," Being a Lecture by CAPTAIN PERCY SCOTT, R.N. C.E., and CAPTAIN A. H. LIMPUS, R.N. (of H. M. S. *Terrible*).
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JOINT STOCK SHARES.

HONGKONG, 21st December.

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Issue Price.	PAID UP.	LAST DIVIDEND.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.					
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	\$125	\$125	30/- div. at 1/11/10—\$15.08 per share for 1st half year 1900.	350 p. c. pr.—\$502 1/2
Bank of China & Japan, Ltd.	100,875	28	28	None	21
Do. Deferred	1,990	28	28	None	25 1/2
National Bank of China, Ltd.	10,000	40	40	2/8 for 1899	327, buyers
Do. Founders' Shares	10,000	40	40	2/8 for 1899	327, buyers
MARINE INSURANCE.					
Union Ins. Society, Ltd.	10,000	\$250	\$250	50 p. c. of 1899 for 1899	\$245, sellers
China Traders Ins. Co., Ltd.	24,000	\$93.33	\$25	10 p. c. for 1899	\$30, buyers
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	5,000	2100	225	10 p. c. of 1899	17 1/2, sellers
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Ltd.	8,000	\$100	\$20	10 p. c. of 1899	\$110, sellers
Canton Ins. Office, Ltd.	10,000	\$250	\$250	10 p. c. of 1899	\$145, buyers
Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$100	\$20	5 p. c. for 1899	31
FIRE INSURANCE.					
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	5,000	\$250	\$250	277 for 1899	\$235, sellers
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	\$20	28 for 1899	\$75, buyers
SHIPPING.					
Hongkong, Canton and Macao S. N. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$12.50 for half year ended 30/9/1001.	\$33, sellers
Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd.	60,000	210	210	10 p. c. of 1899	300 1/2
China & Manila S. N. Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$50	20 p. c. for 1899	\$65, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	\$50	12 p. c. for year ending 30/9/1001	\$47, sellers
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd.	20,000	210	210	10 p. c. of 1899	\$12, buyers
Do. Ordinary	20,000	210	210	10 p. c. of 1899	\$12, buyers
Do. do.	20,000	210	210	10 p. c. of 1899	\$12, buyers
Star Ferry Co., Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$10.50—12 p. c. for year ending 30/9/1001	\$181, buyers
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,000,000	21	21	10 p. c. of 1899	\$23 5/8, sellers
REFINING.					
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	10 p. c. of 1899	\$110, sellers
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	7,000	\$100	\$100	33 for 1899	\$38, buyers
Mining.					
Panjoan Mining Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$5	\$5	None	\$1, sellers
Do. Preference	30,000	\$1	\$1	None	\$1
Societe Fran. des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,000	Fr. 250	Fr. 250	None	\$350, sellers
Jebeu Mining and Trading Company, Ltd.	400,000	25 cts.	25 cts.	5 p. c. of half year ended 31/7/1001 (compon 9)	\$3, sellers
Ramb. Australian Gold Mining Co., Limited	200,000	21	16/10	10 p. c. of 1899	\$47
Oliver Freehold Mines, Limited	A 15,000, B 45,000	\$5	\$5	None	\$2
Great Eastern and Cal. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	140,000	\$4	\$4	First year	\$14
Do. Preference	70,000	\$1	\$1	First year	30 cents
Docks, Wharves, &c.					
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Limited	12,500	\$125	\$125	10 p. c. of 1899	\$52 per a. pr.—\$13 1/2
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & God. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$50	\$50	10 p. c. of 1899	\$57, buyers
Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Co., Ltd.	2,600	\$100	\$37 1/2	10 p. c. of 1899	\$64, buyers
Nea Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$84	\$84	22 p. c. for 1899	\$20 1/2
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.					
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	10 p. c. of 1899	\$188, sellers
Kowloon Land & B. Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$50	10 p. c. of 1899	\$28
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	10 p. c. of 1899	\$40, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	10 p. c. of 1899	\$124, buyers
Oriente Hotel Co., Limited	7,000	\$50	\$50	First year	\$121
Humphreys Est. & Fin. Co.	100,000	\$10	\$10	5 p. c. for 1899	\$117 1/2, sellers
COTTON MILLS.					
Eve Cotton, Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	17,500	\$100	\$100	34 p. c. for period ending 31/10/1001	Tls. 40, sales & buyers
International Cotton Weaving Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$100	\$100	3 p. c. of 1899	Tls. 35
Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$100	\$100	10 p. c. of 1899	Tls. 55, buyers
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Ltd.	2,000	\$1500	\$1500	10 p. c. of 1899	Tls. 323, sellers
Yahloong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	7,500	\$100	\$100	10 p. c. of 1899	Tls. 80, buyers
Wong & Dye Co., Ltd.	18,000	\$100	\$100	None	\$10, buyers
MISCELLANEOUS.					
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$10	\$10	10 p. c. for 1899	\$20, sellers
China Watson Co., Ltd.	7,500	\$20	\$20	10 p. c. for 1899	\$38
A. S. Borneo & Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	\$10	10 p. c. for 1899	\$11, sellers
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$10	\$10	70 cents per share	\$11 1/2, sellers
Hongkong & China Gas Company, Limited	7,000	210	210	9 p. c. for 1899	\$118, buyers
Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$50	\$50	10 p. c. for 1899	\$170, sellers
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$25	\$25	15 p. c. for 1899	\$154, buyers
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	5,000	\$25	\$25	10 p. c. for 1899	\$178, sellers
Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Ltd.	1,450	\$100	\$100	10 p. c. for 1899	\$200, buyers
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$7	\$7	10 p. c. for 1899	\$7, buyers
Carmichael & Co., Ltd.	2,000	\$25	\$25	10 p. c. for 1899	\$50, buyers
H. & China Bakery Co., Ltd.	2,000	\$10	\$10	10 p. c. for 1899	\$20
Campbell, Moore & Co., Ltd.	1,200	\$10	\$10	10 p. c. for 1899	\$20
Bell's Asbestos E. Agcy., Ltd.	10,000	21	21	75 p. c. for 1899	\$14
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 only	\$10	\$10	75 p. c. for 1899	\$3, sellers
Tobacco Planting Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$5	\$5	10 p. c. for 1899	\$5, sellers
China Provision Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$20	\$20	10 p. c. for 1899	\$75, sales
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	10 p. c. for 1899	\$112, buyers
Universal Trading Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$23	\$23	None	\$34, buyers
COAL COMPANIES.					
Alhambra, Limited	200	\$500	\$500	25 p. c. for year 1899	\$1,500, buyers
La Commercial, Limited	231	\$337 1/2	\$337 1/2	10 p. c. for 1899	\$1,000 ex div.
Hensiana, Limited	750	\$100	\$100	First year	\$100
La Favorita, Limited	130	\$500	\$500	First year	\$700, sales

VEENON & SMYTH, BROKERS.

THE WEATHER.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER, 21st DECEMBER, P.M.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER, 31st DECEMBER, P.M.						
STATION.	Hour.	Bar. at sea level.	Therm. 59° F.	Humidity	Wind.	Force.
Victoria Peak	4 p.	30.22	62	78	W	4
Taipei	"	30.19	62	78	W	4
Kooli	"	30.17	62	78	W	4
Nagasaki	"	30.15	62	78	W	4
Kagoshima	"	30.13	62	78	W	4
Tamoko	1 p.	30.22	62	78	W	4
Taichu	"	30.21	62	78	W	4
Tainan	"	30.20	62	78	W	4
Hongkong	"	30.23	62	78	W	4
Pescadore	"	30.23	62	78	W	4
Guilford	3 p.	30.23	62	78	W	4
Sharp Peak	"	30.27	62	78	W	4
Amoy	"	30.19	65	86	W	4
Swatow	"	30.21	65	86	W	4
Canton	"	30.20	71	60	W	3
Hongkong	4 p.	30.19	65	69	W	3
Victia Peak	"	30.19	65	69	W	3
Ship Rock	"	30.19	65	69	W	3
Macao	"	30.13	63	69	W	3
Haiphong	1 p.	30.13	63	69	W	3
Manila	4 p.	29.96	58	63	W	2
Malacca	3 p.	29.96	58	63	W	2
Bacon	"	29.96	58	63	W	2
Hioio	"	29.96	58	63	W	2
Cebu	"	29.93	54	63	W	2
C. S. James	"	29.93	54	63	W	2
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Victoria Peak	7 a.	30.25	62	78	W	4
Tokyo	10 a.	30.25	62	78	W	4
Kooli	"	30.25	62	78	W	4
Nagasaki	"	30.25	62	78	W	4
Kagoshima	"	30.25	62	78	W	4
Tamoko	5 a.	30.25	62	78	W	4
Taichu	"	30.25	62	78	W	4
Tainan	"	30.25	62	78	W	4
Koshu	"	30.25	62	78	W	4
Pescadore	"	30.25	62	78	W	4
Guilford	9 a.	30.25	62	78	W	4
Sharp Peak	"	30.32	59	53	W	2
Swatow	"	30.25	58	74	W	2
Swatow	"	30.25	58	74	W	2
Canton	"	30.32	61	71	W	2
Hongkong	10 a.	30.25	70	45	W	2
Victia Peak	"	30.25	70	45	W	2
Ship Rock	"	30.25	70	45	W	2
Macao	"	30.25	70	45	W	2
Hongkong	7 a.	30.25	70	45	W	2
Manila	10 a.	30.08	51	62	W	1
Malacca	9 a.	30.08	51	62	W	1
Haioio	"	29.96	50	62	W	1
Cebu	"	30.02	52	62	W	1
C. S. James	7 a.	30.02	52	62	W	1